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Overview of the panel on healthcare debate

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On Saturday, October 17, Saint Leo University hosted a panel discussion of the status of Health Care Reform. The event took place in Selby Hall at 11:30 a.m. and ended a little after 1:00 p.m. The panel guests included medical doctors, health care attorneys, and members of the University's health care program advisory board. This free event was open to the public and lunch was provided.

The panel consisted of seven men, all of whom discussed the problem that the United States has been trying to solve for the past 30 years. Overall, the presentation was nothing new that no one already knew beforehand.

It's been a hard time during this healthcare problem for everyone, especially doctors. A few years ago everyone had a family doctor or general practitioner, but due to the fact that there is no money to pay these doctors, they have become sparse.

This has been very difficult, because after doctors started losing money, they became much stingier with whom they treated. They started looking at the chart and not the needs of the person, only if the procedure was truly necessary.

When a person buys a pair of nice sneakers, those sneakers cost more than what most doctors are paid from their patients. It has become a huge mess that the government is trying to clean up.

Photograph by Sally Burns

Moderator, Dr. Pete Simmons, questions panelists - Dr. Thomas Krizek, Mr. John Picciano, and Dr. Stephen Butler.

This is an interesting tepid, since the government has been dancing around this issue for years.

One panelist joked that if the government tried to fix a horse, they'll bring it into D.C. and when it comes out, it'll be a camel. The government just can't seem to make a decision nor agree on an issue.

Every physician must treat anyone who goes into the emergency room. Many people use the ER as their primary care, and the doctors are required to treat them, even if they cannot pay.

"Thirty percent of Americans cannot afford healthcare. One in eight people are either under insured or not insured at all. Many people compare the health care system to a car assembly line; the doctors need to get the patients in and out" said one panelist. No time to waste.

Americans have this strange concept that they are entitled to healthcare no citizens in other countries have this issue. In Britain, they do not buy an insurance plan, but an insurance scheme. This is a very appropriate concept.

Franklin Delanor Roosevelt thought of establishing a full healthcare during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Later Harry Truman wanted to establish universal healthcare. It's just a very hard issue to deal with, especially in Washington, DC. So, it's not that there haven't been feasible ideas. The real problem seems to be the lack of decision making.

A piece of silk: The purple ribbon

BY JENNIFER ORTIZ
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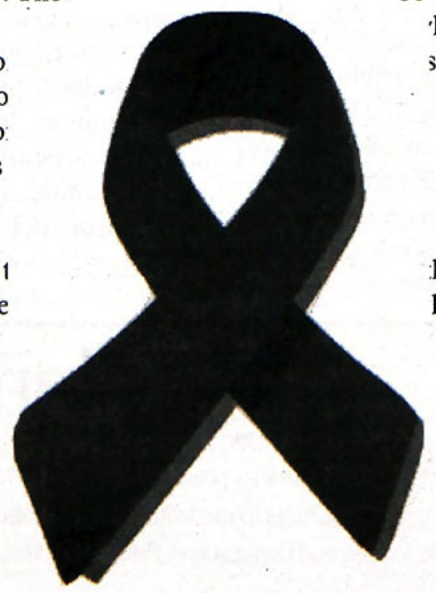
Across the country, families and friends of victims don a small piece of purple silk. Carefully bent into a loop and pinned onto their shirts, the ribbon is a small token of awareness.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is during this time that the students, faculty, and staff at Saint Leo University acknowledge that violence has no place in a relationship or in a home. However, according to Livestrong.com, an extension of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, out of 500 women surveyed 60 percent were found to be currently involved in an ongoing abusive relationship. The ages of the women surveyed ranged fro the ages 15 to 24, so no way, shape, or fo are college students exempted from this statistic. If the percentages weren't disturbing enough, le turn to the ratios: one in five dating couples report some type of violence in their relationship.



Neither sex should be subjected to that. A man shouldn't be apprehensive about hether or not his significant other will come after him with a knife, just like a woman shouldn't be afraid to go home at the end of he day because of ho is waiting for her.

The open discussion of abuse, physical, emotional, or otherwise, has practically become stigmatized as a taboo in the United States. Some attempt to sweep this issue under the rug, deeming the subject of domestic violence too dark and "bad" to discuss in mixed company. The consequences of this deafening silence are devastating.

Others attempt to rationalize violence in a relationship as normal. We, as proud Saint Leo University lions should say no to this reasoning.

On October 19, 2009 the Social Work Club, as well as the Activities Collaboration Team (ACT), and Student Involvement presented "The Clothesline Project" in the Student Community Center Boardrooms.

"The Clothesline Project gives

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Opinions

Does debiasing society lead to a wiser world?

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

When I attended Giving Away Psychology: *The Next Big Questions In Psychology* presentation given by Dr. Marilyn Mallue and Dr. Leilani Goodmon, I really was not sure what to expect.

However, I am a psychology major, Dr. Goodmon is my advisor, and I wanted to hear what she had to say. I am extremely glad that I attended, because the speech put a lot into perspective for me. The speech explained how society is based around biases that people have, and used specific examples to prove this point, such as how the schools in Islam teach the children that only their religion is truth, and that they should not believe any other. When I put it into perspective, I concluded that from the moment I was born, I began creating biases, as everyone else has also. Something as simple as liking apple flavored baby food over carrot flavored baby food creates a bias. As I grew older I watched specific television shows that I had grown to like, thus creating more biases, and further becoming biased just by being exposed to their subject matter.

Biases can have many negative effects on society. Due to biases, wars are created. Biases prevent people from fully understanding others actions and viewpoints, which can often create tension and controversy. Biases are what start playground bullying and teasing, because children have become biased to think that only one way is acceptable, and anyone who is a little different must be strange. This type of thinking can be psychologically damaging to everyone.

Dr. Mallue spoke of the "confirmation bias," which is "the tendency to only seek out information consistent with your own viewpoint." When information is inconsistent with this pre-set viewpoint, there is a tendency to ignore, or even reinterpret the information to fit the original viewpoint. This way of thinking causes a selective perception called "tunnel vision." It is unfortunate that the majority of society bases decisions on their own biases. I do not think that anyone is bias free, but that others' opinions should be considered more often.

Currently, psychologists are researching possibilities on how people could become less biased, which could potentially create a wiser society. The speech introduced the concept to me of "meta-cognition," which essentially means "thinking about your thinking." During the speech Dr. Goodmon pointed out that in Polk County the charter schools are teaching young students to think critically, which is what meta-cognition is composed of. That is the type of thinking that is required to become debiased. If children are taught from a young age to be unbiased, then it will become simpler to understand others.

During the speech, the point was made that people are afraid to give up their biases because they feel that doing so would make them lose a part of themselves. I agree that at first, training yourself to think in a different way could potentially be uncomfortable, however, it could provide productive results. Although biases do not always yield negative effects, people would relate better to one another if biases were not such a prominent part of society. Teaching our youth to respect different traditions and viewpoints from their own from a young age could be extremely beneficial in making connections with others.

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In the article entitled "Freshmen class elects President" published in the October 16 edition of *The Lions' Pride*, Freshman President Cory Los Schumacher's name was spelled incorrectly. The paper would like to apologize for this mistake.

She Said What???
R-E-S-P-E-C-T a difference of opinion

BY KATIE GAISER
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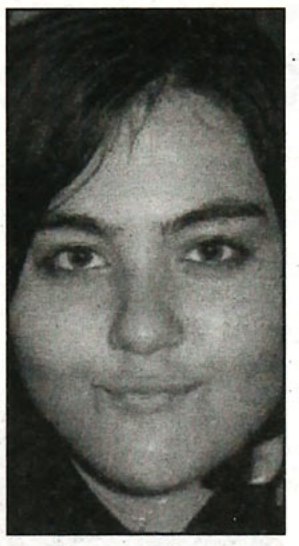

I have been an editorial writer for *The Lions' Pride* for over three years now. Most of you who are fans of page two have been avid readers of the "he said/she said" opinion series between myself and alumni Joshua M. Smith for the last two years. We've covered every topic from healthcare and gay marriage, to the lowering of the drinking age and the legalization of marijuana.

One topic for debate that has been suggested and put off more times than I can even count is abortion. The reason we have never published anything on this topic is because it is a very sensitive and personal issue for a lot of people. Saint Leo is, after all, a Catholic institution which supports the pro-life movement, and this publication wouldn't want to do anything to offend the very institution that gives us the funds to create it.

However, I don't see a problem with respectively sharing my opinion with the campus on this matter as I have in so many other issues of *The Lions' Pride* on topics I'm sure the University wasn't too thrilled about either. Journalism is truth, whether it offends people or not. Censorship is illegal and, in my opinion, a cop out.

I guess part of the reason I even decided to write this article is to say that I am tired of hearing people tell me that we as writers should have censor our topics and opinions because people may not agree with them. It's not as though I plan to bash the opposing side of my argument. If Josh were here to write his side of the story, I'm sure he would respectively convey his opinion as I plan to do.

Anyway, I digress. All I really wanted to tell you fine readers is that I have recently discovered for the first time ever that October is pro-life month, otherwise known as Respect Life Month. This month is celebrated every year by Catholics across the United States to advocate, educate, and spread awareness on the ethical concerns of issues like assisted suicide, stem cell research, and of course the big one, abortion.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, this month is "integral to the Church's ongoing effort to help build a culture in which every human life *without exception* is respected and defended." Does this mean that every person who isn't part of the pro-life movement disrespects life and doesn't want to defend it? What about defending the lives of those who already exist? What about respecting the lives of those who are faced with such difficult decisions?

Furthermore, although there are many respective websites supporting the pro-choice movement and organizations in this country fighting for the rights of pro-choice people, there is not an entire month designated for their cause. I respect the fact that the Catholics have devoted an entire month to their movement and have the right to do so. Frankly, I think it's a great idea, because it gives them the opportunity to show and tell people what they are fighting so desperately for. However, why can't pro-choice people do the same? And if they can, then why hasn't it happened yet?

All I'm saying is that I think it is important to consider both sides of every argument. Me not being able to write an article on abortion because my opinion differs from the institution's is the same as the pro-choice people not being able to devote a month to their cause because their opinion differs from the country's. What's the point in even having rights to believe in and say what we want to if we can't even use them?

I hope that I haven't offended anyone who is reading this, and if I have, I apologize. However, it is my job as a journalist and a citizen of this country to speak out because the Bill of Rights says I can.

And that's what she said.

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The feeling of freedom

BY JESSICA O'KEEFE
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In late September the Executive Board of Saint Leo University's Student Government Union traveled to Washington DC for the American Student Government Association's National conference. During our free time in DC we visited the Arlington National Cemetery. It was a cold crisp autumn day in Arlington, and leaves covered the ground; it was a nice form of nostalgia for me, as I grew up in the north.

As we walked around the Vice President of Operation, Nike Bliesner continued saying "We have to go see the changing of the guard." Shamefully, I had no idea what this was, but Nike, being the history guru that he is, insisted we go, so I figured it would be worth it. As we walked around the cemetery, there were people from every walk of life taking pictures and visiting all the different memorials.

As we made our way towards The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the site of The Changing of the Guard, there was a solemn peace in the air that I have never experienced before. As we sat on the steps facing the tomb watching a single 3rd U.S. Infantry Sentinel walk back and forth guarding the grave, the honor and pride that filled my heart was indescribable. As I looked at the other people around I could see that pride and honor on their faces as well. In this moment I was no longer a Republican or Democrat; I was not Floridian or New Yorker; I was simply an American.

A shot of the soldiers standing guard at the tomb. Photograph by Jessica O'keefe

At this moment it was actually time to change guards. This happens either every hour or half an hour depending on time of year, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather condition.

Acorrding to www.arlingtoncemetery.org "an impeccably uniformed relief commander appears on the plaza to announce the Changing of the Guard. Soon the new sentinel leaves the Quarters and unlocks the bolt of his or her M-14 rifle to signal to the relief commander to start the ceremony.

The relief commander walks out to the Tomb and salutes, then faces the spectators and asks them to stand and stay silent during the ceremony. The relief commander conducts a detailed white-glove inspection of the weapon, checking each part of the rifle once. Then, the relief commander and the relieving sentinel meet the retiring sentinel at the center of the matted path in front of the Tomb. All three salute the Unknowns who have been symbolically given the Medal of Honor. Then the relief commander orders the relieved sentinel, 'Pass on your orders.' The current sentinel commands, 'Post and orders, remain as directed.' The newly posted sentinel replies, 'Orders acknowledged,' and steps into position on the black mat. When the relief commander passes by, the new sentinel begins walking at a cadence of 90 steps per minute. The Tomb Guard marches 21 steps down the black mat behind the Tomb, turns, faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat and repeats the process. After the turn, the sentinel executes a sharp 'shoulder-arms' movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to the visitors to signify that the sentinel stands between the Tomb and any possible threat."

After witnessing a ceremony such as The Changing of the Guard I was never more proud to be an American, but more importantly I was never more proud to be free.

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women and children an opportunity to break the silence about domestic violence by creating shirts that give voice to their personal experience, creating a visual impact...(and) symbolizing the airing of their 'dirty laundry'."

Saint Leo students remember and honor the victims of domestic abuse who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once trusted and loved. Love shouldn't have to be painful. Join Saint Leo in taking a stand against domestic violence: call (888)END-ABUSE. Anyone who finds himself or herself in an abusive relationship, whether it be emotional, physical, or physiological pain, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or your local authorities.

Don't drink and fly this Halloween

Joe Treaster gives Saint Leo a new perspective on water

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Joe Treaster's speech on who deserves a drink of water had a big impact on those who attended.

Joe Treaster, a Woodrow Wilson fellow and former journalist for *The New York Times,* is a very powerful speaker. His speech began by exemplifying the disparity between how easy it is for Americans to access water and how difficult it is for people in developing countries, such as Uganda, to access water. In America, when water is needed, people just turn on their taps for a limitless supply of clean water. However, people in developing countries usually must walk three or four hours away from home just to find a drinkable water source. The term "drinkable" for those in developing countries is very different from how Americans might define it. Water is very hard to come by for those in developing countries, and it will often be consumed regardless of how dirty or polluted it may be.

To further prove his point, Treaster announced some shocking statistics. Worldwide 2.5 billion people do not have basic toilets, meaning that when nature calls, anywhere can be used as a bathroom. In addition to horrible odors and unsanitary environments, potential drinking water becomes contaminated with human waste. As a result of this, 1.8 million people die per year from drinking the water that has been mixed with human waste remnants. This happens because water is so difficult to find, and every single day one billion people worldwide do not know where their next drink of water is going to come from.

Their statistics are certainly mind-blowing and hearing about them has an effect on people who are more fortunate. Many people take water for granted, and Treaster's speech makes it difficult for people to do that.

"I think that it is awful that the water conditions people have to deal with are so terrible," said sophomore Kimberly Bills. "I feel so spoiled now because I drink bottled water and others regularly drink contaminated water."

With his speeches, Treaster conveys how dire the circumstances are in developing countries because he truly feels that something must be done to change this. When asked whether they thought clean drinking water should be considered a basic human right, the majority of those in Saint Leo's audience raised their hands in agreement. The majority of America feels this way also, but both the American and Canadian government will not legally consider clean water to be a basic human right. This is because a large sum of money would be required to fix the problem, and since developing countries needing water are also less financially fortunate, the wealthier countries would be placed in a difficult position; they would be expected to help. Although the government does not formally recognize clean water as a basic human right, President Obama has extended his hand to those less fortunate.

Treaster expressed his appreciation for Obama's quest to reach out to poorer countries, and as it is United States is already putting $1 billion per year towards providing drinking water for developing countries. As one might speculate, fixing the problem in entirety would require a much greater amount of money than this. Treaster believes the water disparity is a "management issue" and could probably be fixed without spending a cluster of extra money, but with different spending choices. Treaster also believes that if a celebrity such as Bill Clinton, or Al Gore decided to promote the cause, thus making people more aware, the cause would have more attention placed on it and something would be done to change it.

Although the water conditions in less fortunate countries are still unfavorable, Treaster said, "None of us ought to give up on the water issue or stop supporting water charities. None of us should stop conserving water."

Sophomore Carson Holton felt that within Treaster's speech very valid points were made.

"I think that his cause is very noble and his presentation held my attention. His plan for conservation is good because of all of the things people waste. His speech was a good step towards a more peaceful world."

To learn more about Joe Treaster's cause, please visit his website: www.1h20.org

Tales from down under: Nightlife in Aussie

BY JORDAN COATES
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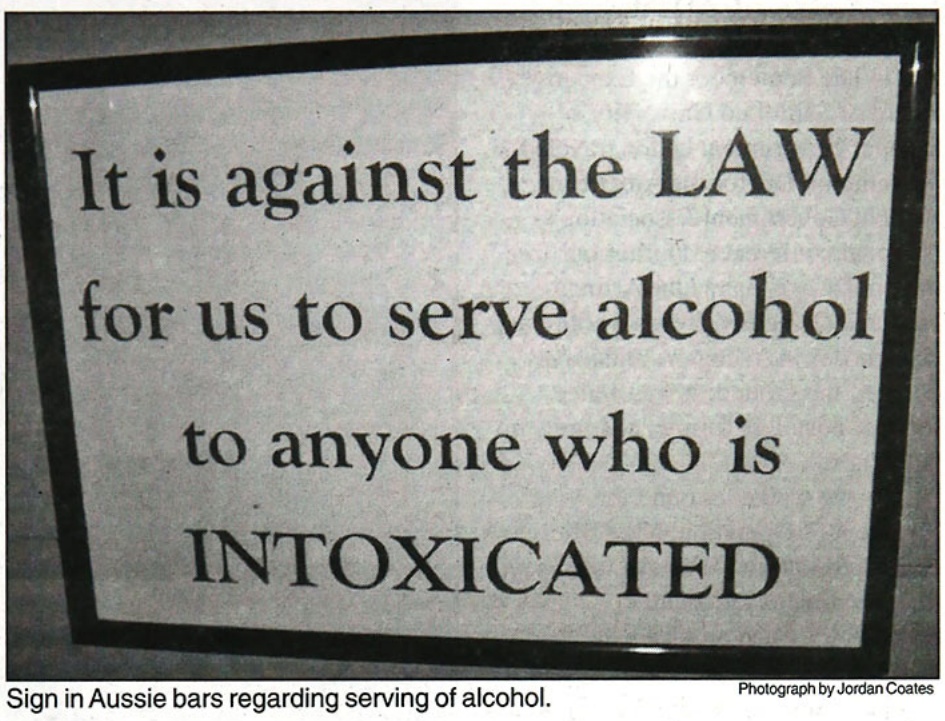
Attention freshman and sophomores: Stop binge drinking and smuggling bottles; throw those fake ID's away; the drinking age in Australia is 18.

Naturally, this is exciting for those studying overseas who are under twenty one, like myself. Here in Australia most have been drinking from a young age, even younger than 18, and they find America's drinking age to be very odd, and for the most part downright ridiculous.

While this age limitation quandary no longer existed, after a few liquor store purchases and a few nights of bar hopping, the excitement of legally drinking quickly faded. First off, alcohol here is expensive! Beer is about $30 a case for cheap beer, and a small liquor bottle is at least $40. Your best bet lands with what the Aussie's call goon, aka cheap boxed wine.

Similar to the states, students throw back as many drinks as they can before going out to the bars. It always seemed like a good strategy to save money and still have a good time. Be advised, however, that you have to make it in the bar. While stumbling and slurring your words are completely acceptable for bars in the U.S., the same does not apply here. Bars in Australia are very strict and they do not hesitate to turn you away. It is actually a law here that if a person looks any different than his regular self, they have to kick him out. This is because police often come around to bars, and if they see drunken people, the bar would be fined around $10,000. So, I can attest from experience when a great bar like Sydney's the GAFF has $4 tequila shot nights, you better stay clear of the José or hold your composure because they will toss you out.

Along with keeping it classy, Australian bars do not allow flip flops at any bar, and a large number of them don't serve shots. This being said, if you're going to buy beer or spirits all night, you'd better have a stocked wallet. A very important thing to remember is to not spend that entire stack at the bar; you still have to make it home. Macquarie University is located in Marsfield about the same distance from Sydney as Saint Leo is from Tampa. Parking in Sydney is not good, and because of the intensive public transportation, hardly anyone drives into the city for the night. So, since there are no party buses here at Mac, we have to take the train, bus, or a taxi. Taking the train or bus into the city is a breeze; however, when the wee hours of the morning roll around and we're ready to go home, it is not so easy. Only certain buses run to the school, the particular stops aren't simple to find, and they only run on the hour. As the trains stop running at twelve, nine times out of ten a taxi is the only option. Be advised, however, taxis are not always easy to catch, and they hate driving out of the city to Macquarie. Taxi drivers are required to take you to your destination



Sign in Aussie bars regarding serving of alcohol. Photograph by Jordan Coates

if you are already seated in the taxi. From personal experience, I have learned to jump in and then tell them where I'm going; otherwise, I might find myself roaming the streets till six in the morning or arguing with the driver threatening to take me to the cop shop. Also, if we're lucky and find a taxi, we gather our friends because the fare is 'dear' as they say here.

If you're not up for the bars, Sydney has lots more to offer. Along Darling Harbor you'll find tons of restaurants with great deals; you can take a cruise through the harbor, visit the carnival, or stroll Circular Quay and admire the beauty of your surroundings. Movie theatres and Casino's are also popular night time activities, and then there are always the performances at the Opera House.

The city life is glamorous, but even in Australia there are struggling, broke students. No worries though, with three different housing complexes, there is always something going on. Walking from apartment to apartment you are sure to find a group of friends. I promise it's not all about nightlife and we do attend school in the day, but here' down under' the Aussies sure do know the meaning of bottom's up.

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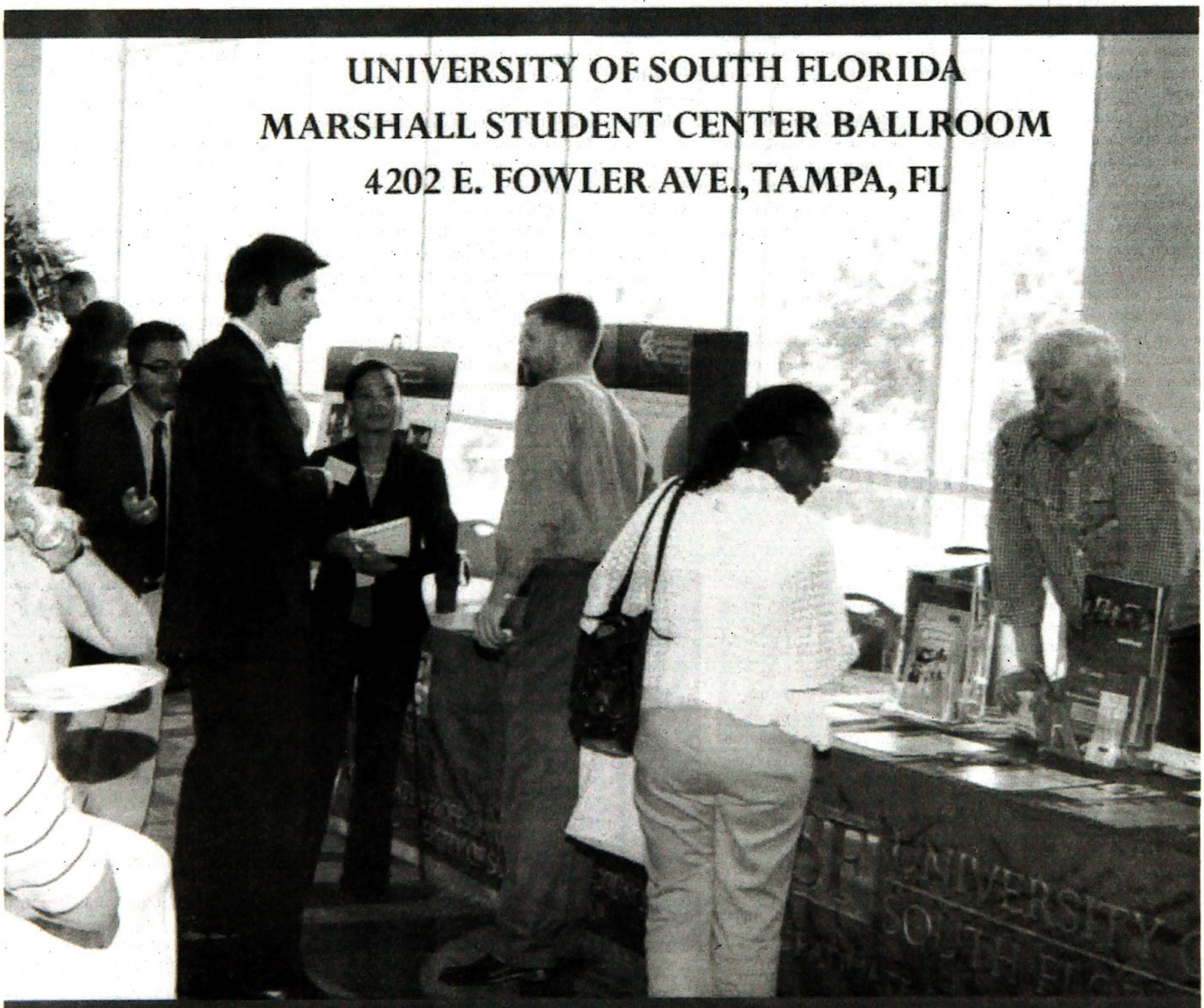

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Whip it good!

Roller derby hits Tampa

BY MARY F. CHUHINKO
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Saturday October 10, 2009 the United Skates of America in Tampa hosted the 2009 Roller Derby Championship. It was a night of nonstop action as the much anticipated event pitted the SwitchBlade Sisters against the undefeated Black Widows. The match was an exciting one, with each team trying their best. It was a full house, with the front row suicide seats packed. The enforcers made some tough calls, but in the end it was the Black Widows who won the bout, 128 to 48.

After the match each team chose the other's MVP and gave them a special MVP flamingo. During intermission the Hooligans, who act as the cheerleaders, went out on the floor to show off their spunky pride with a mix of popular songs. The hooligans wore black and hot pink complete with matching pom-poms.

After intermission, there an exciting bonus bout against the home teams, Cigar City Mafia and the visiting team, the Bradentucky Bombers. This was a very intense match that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. The player to keep your eye on is #? Mysterious, she was the fastest player of the night and during the second half one of the opposing players hit her to the floor. She was seriously hurt but kept skating, she was such a trooper.

The winner of this match ended up being Cigar City Mafia, 125 to 68. Another star player from Cigar City Mafia was # 831, Madame Battle Axe, who was celebrating her last bout. After the match, there were tables outside the rinks selling souvenir t-shirts and buttons. Everyone was excited to be there and many people got to get autographs from the girls.

According to Wikipedia, roller Derby really took off during the 20th century, but some may argued that the sport really started in as a result of the growing popularity of roller skating in the United States, which led to the formation of organized endurance races as early as 1884, when skater Victor W. Clough skated 100 miles over the course of nearly ten hours in Geneseo, Illinois.

Wikipedia also said the term derby, meaning a race or multi-race event, appeared in the press in 1922, when the Chicago Tribune announced and reported on the results of two "roller derby" events held that year. These were multi-day events during which various roller skating races were held on a flat track at Chicago's Broadway Armory. This type of track is the track they use when they bout at United Skates of America.

According to Wikipedia, in Los Angeles, Roller Derby was broadcast on the radio in 1939. At 8:30 p.m.. on November 29, 1948, Roller Derby debuted on New York television, beginning a 13-week run on the CBS. The first televised matches were between teams representing New York and Brooklyn, and took place at the 69th Regiment Armory.

Photo source:TAMPABAYDERBYDARLINS.COM
The winning team of the competition, the Cigar City Mafia.

According to Wikipedia, RollerGames, created in 1989 by two television producers, David Sams and Michael Miller, and Roller Games owner Bill Griffiths, Sr., was a U.S. television show that presented a theatrical version of the sport of roller derby for a national audience. Between January 1999 and January 2001, Knoxville, Tennessee television impresarios Ross K. Bagwell Sr. and Stephen Land, under the name Pageboy Entertainment, collaborated with CBS to stage another televised revival known as RollerJam or Roller Jam.

The rules of Roller Derby are easy once you get to know them. There are two pivots, they have strips on their helmets, and she sets the pace and leads the blockers who start behind them. There are five blockers whose objective is to guard their teams Jammers and to block the other team's Jammer from scoring. The Jammer's wear a star on their helmets, their job is to score points. She scores points by every blocker she passes per lap around the track. Those are just the basics, to learn more about Roller Derby in Tampa visit: tampabayderbydarlins.com

Alice in Chains- *Black Gives Way to Blue*

BY ANDREW LEVENGOOD
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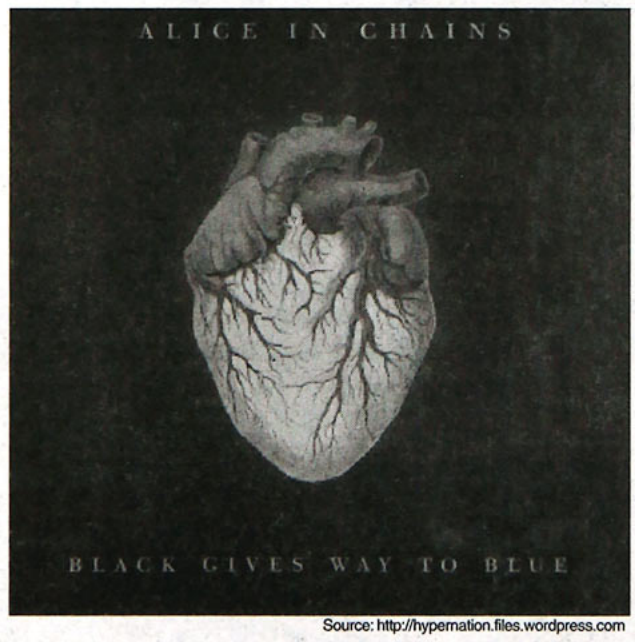
This fall marked many new releases by rock groups of the past, one of the most notable of these was Alice in Chains' new album "Black Gives Way to Blue." This was to be their first record without original lead singer Layne Staley, who died in 2002 due to an overdose of "speedball." With new vocalist William DuVall and a renewed passion for grunge, Alice in Chains was primed to make their most heartfelt album to date.

From the opening riff in "All Secrets Known," this album shows the massive amount of emotion felt by lead guitarist Jerry Cantrell and the rest of the Alice in Chains crew. The first single off "Black Gives Way to Blue" is "Check My Brain," whose power and lyrics rival that of their most acclaimed album "Dirt." Cantrell and DuVall power through "Check My Brain" and "Last of My Kind" before settling down with their surreal dual vocals on "Your Decision." Even though some of the songs begin to run into each other midway and the struggling personality of Layne Staley is missing, this album is as solid as any rock album in the past few years. The most powerful and surprising part of this amazing new record is the chemistry between William DuVall and the rest of the band; he takes over right where Layne Staley left off.

The somberness of "Your Decision" and "When the Sun Rose Again" prove to be the strongest part of the album emotionally; but as the band blazes through "A Looking in View," their anger and disgust. One of the best songs on the album, "Acid Bubble," is dominated by the heavy bass riff of Mike Inez who provides "Black Gives Way to Blue" with its foundation and energy. After "Lesson Learned" and "Take Her Out" provide the albums biggest letdown, the band gets into two of the best songs, lyrically, that they have ever done. "Private Hell" provides the listener with a look into the depression felt by Alice in Chains when they lost their enigmatic front man, Layne Staley. After the chilling "Private Hell," the grunge veterans dive into a rollercoaster of emotions, the title track. With the illustrious Elton John on piano, Alice in Chains provide their former lead vocalist with one of the greatest tributes; this song in every way defines Jerry Cantrell's sadness and selflessness after losing his greatest friend and band mate. This song proves to all critics that like AC/DC, Alice in Chains can succeed after losing their front man and in doing so propel them into a whole new sense of stardom. All things considered, this album is one of the greatest this year and Alice in Chains have now officially solidified themselves as the godfathers of grunge. And to Layne Staley, the world will definitely miss your voice, "Lay down, black gives way to blue, Lay down, I'll remember you..."



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Poet's Corner
HEARTBEAT

BY EDWARD OLIVA
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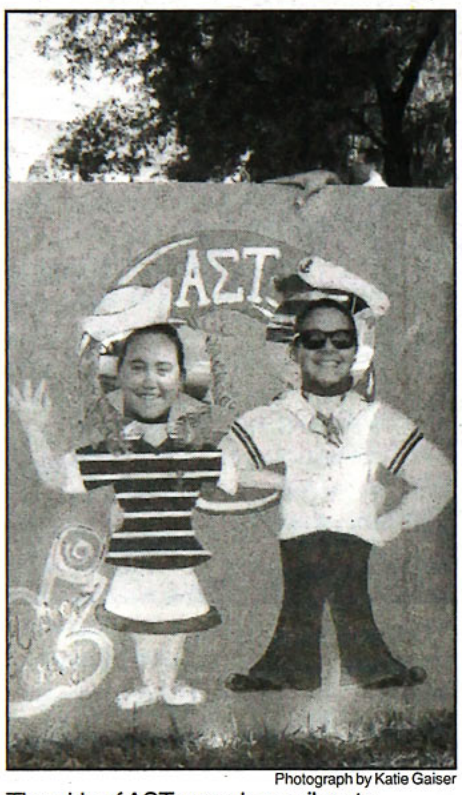
Just imagine, for the day
That your sibling wasn't here to stay
You can't stop it, nothing to say
Your parents chose his life to pay

When he was little, and had no will
His parents thought, to make him still
He wasn't dying, or even ill
They just couldn't handle, another bill

So before, he was even born
His life was taken, shortened, torn
Before onesies, could be worn
He was already, feeling scorn

The deed now done, he's no longer here
To this day, your parents in fear
They realize that, he could have brought them cheer
Now all they have are eyes of tears.

Aloha! Fall Family Festival 2009



Photograph by Katie Gaiser

The girls of AST posed as sailors to support their annual *Anchor's Away* party.

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This hoola girl was no contest for the students in her spectacular and empressive performance.

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Upcoming production "Guys and Dolls" actors offered pictures with the cast.

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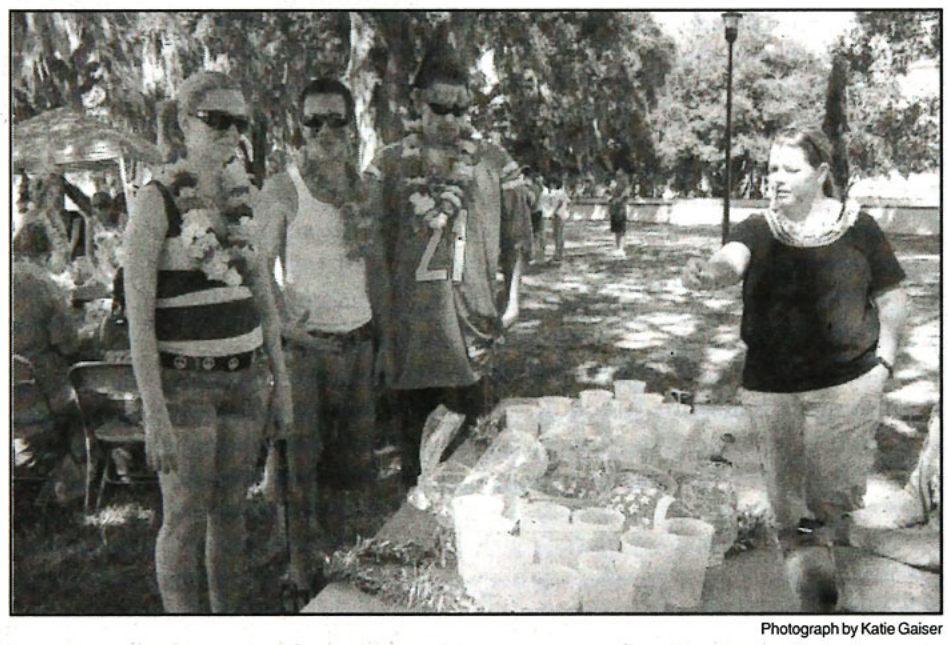
Students enjoyed the various activities in the bowl including a blow up slide, a surfing experience, and trampoline machine.



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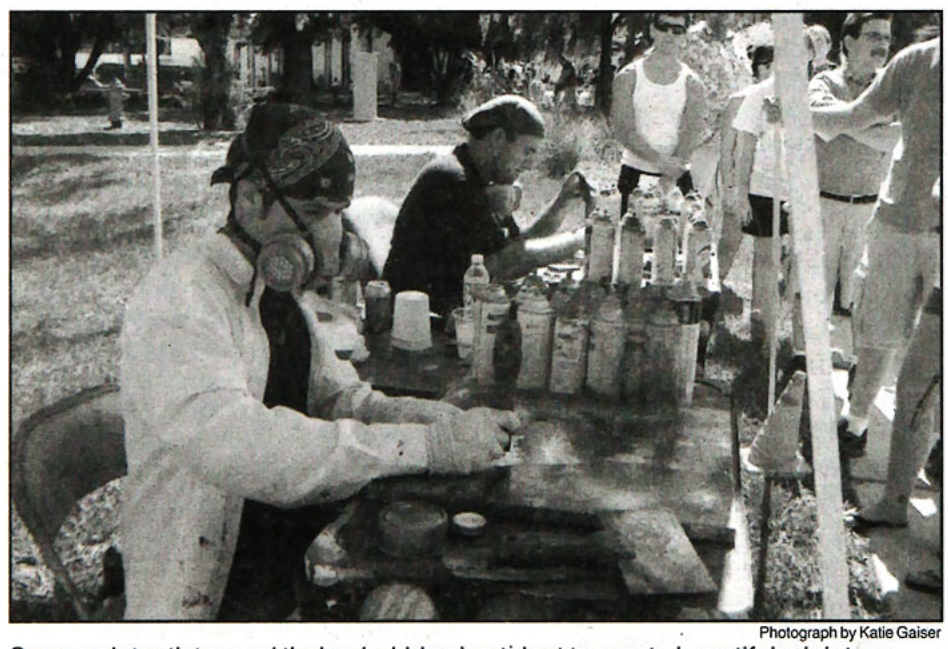
Social Worker Club member Jana Joseph explains how to win a gold fish at their ball tossing game.



Photograph by Katie Gaiser

Spray paint artists used their mind-blowing talent to create beautiful miniature paintings for the crowd.

Photograph by Cheralyn Barrington

As president of Touch a'Thebes Trailer Estates, Opie Diggs gives a speech to his tenants from the English Department's play *Opie Diggs*.

Review

Opie Diggs: a cross between satire and Joe Dirt

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
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A Pretty Much Terrible Tragedy of One Opie Diggs, tells the tale of what would occur had Oedipus Rex lived in modern times and resided in a trailer park.

This play, written and directed by Saint Leo's professor and theater director, David McGinnis, was witty, humorous and well-performed. The play put an interesting spin on a classic tale by updating the lingo and subject matter of the story of Oedipus Rex. Although the play reflected Oedipus Rex, McGinnis had plenty of unique and new ideas of his own that were thrown into this "redneck" masterpiece. The show oozed satire as it put a spin on an old story in a relatively mocking fashion, and held characters reminiscent of a movie such as Joe Dirt, in which they all possess very "country" attitudes and come from the deep south.

Backstage before the show, I witnessed the hair stylists hard at work developing a variety of interesting hairstyles. One character's hair soared to about five inches high, giving a new definition to "big hair." Others were curled into ringlets and in one instance, a mullet haircut was even given. The hairstyles worn were very appropriate for the subject matter discussed and the characters being portrayed. The costumes were also very appropriate, and overall the cast's appearance was well thought out.

I particularly enjoyed the pre-show, which consisted of some of the characters indulging in a seemingly heartfelt dance to Lynard Skynard's rock anthem *"Freebird."* During this intro, arms were wildly flailing, imaginary drums were beating, and air guitar solos were rocking intensely to the music. The characters' improvisation was entertaining, enjoyable, and giggle-provoking. What followed was equally humorous and amusing.

McGinnis's writing style is creative, quick-witted, sarcastic, and at times darkly comedic. The play was well-written and contained many very funny moments. The humor was sometimes vulgar and definitely intended for an older audience, which would also allow for the music, which is from a different time period, to be appreciated. Sprinkled throughout the play and intermission were classic rock tunes such as The Who's *"Teenage Wasteland."* Such songs were a great addition to the play because they intertwined perfectly with the theme.

Amongst the cast were a group of wonderful actors, who all appeared to have raw talent and a grand capacity for producing comedy. The actors worked well together and fed off of one another to create a plethora of emotion.

Sports

Men's golf wins 31 strokes ahead at Spartan Invite

BY JESSICA PALL & MINDY PIERCE
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Men's Golf claimed their team victory at the Spartan Invitational in Tampa where they played at the Rogers Park Golf Club.

"The Spartan Invitational was the most consistent the team has ever played," Saint Leo's men's golf coach Ray Cisbani said.

Senior Mark McGuire won the tournament with 73-64-137 with 64 setting a school record. Senior Cole Cisbani came in second shooting 69-69-138 and teammate JP Albuquerque closed the top three spots placing third with 69-72-141. Their other two teammates played respectably with junior Tom Lynn shooting 73-74-147 putting him in 7th place and Nick Brothers playing his first collegiate tournament with 77-79-156.

Cisbani was the returning tournament winner from last year and after the first round was leading with teammate Albuquerque. Cisbani's second round was good, but he struggled in the middle, ending however on a positive note with 3 straight birdies on holes 14, 15, and 16.

McGuire shot 73 in the first round, but played very well in the final round including two chip-ins and a 40 yard shot holed out from the fairway for birdie. His second round score of 64 won him the tournament and the school record.

"This was a great tournament," said Tom Lynn.

"My thoughts on winning first as a team are as it was expected. We have the guys to do it and that's exactly what we did, came out on top," winner Mark McGuire said.

"Winning first on my team means a lot to me but not as much as winning first as a team; it's a plus," senior McGuire said.

From this success, the Spartan Invitational ranked the team 10th in the nation of NCAA II Golf. Three team members, McGuire, Cisbani, and Albuquerque, are also ranked nationally. McGuire is 3rd in par 3 scoring and 6th in subpar strokes, Cisbani is ranked 3rd in par 4 and 14th in subpar, and Albuquerque is 9th in par 3.

Cisbani shot two 69's which is 4 total under par while Macquire shot 5 under par.

Cisbani sees the team's placing as a precursor to a very successful season. "We played very well together and I can see the Lions going very far this season," he said.

Mark McGuire
Courtesy of Mike Carlson

Saint Leo University's men's and women's golf teams hosted the Saint Leo Invitational at Lake Jovita on October 20, 2009. The men's team captured the title while the women's team took third. Both teams recently competed on the course as the men participated at the Rollins College Invitational while the women battled at the Flagler Fall Slam. Go to saintleolions.com for results.

Men's and women's cross country teams run through October

BY JACOB STOUT
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The Saint Leo men's and women's cross country teams recently competed in two meets. On October 2, the flrunners.com Invitational in Titusville, Florida saw the men's team finish 8th and the women's team finish 5th. On October 10, the Disney Invitational saw a total of 25 men's teams and 30 women's teams compete. Saint Leo finished 23rd in both men's and women's divisions.

Sophomore Mike Berry paced the men's team with a time of 17:48.16 over the 5K course at Chain of Lakes Park. His time was good for 24 points for the team. Florida Gulf Coast University, led by Kyle Brunette, won the meet with a blistering average time of 16:23.17. The Lions finished in 8th place with a total of 181 points and an average time of 19:42.52. Junior Matt Attal came in right behind Berry with a time of 17:54.94, good for 25 points. Freshman Eric Dirth cruised to the finish with a time of 18:06.38 giving Saint Leo another 28 points. Sophomore Carson Holton and senior Robert Tester rounded out the top five for Saint Leo with times of 21:42.61 and 23:00.49 respectively.

The women's team had a better day finishing 5th out of the 10 teams competing. Sophomore Kelsey Bradley led the Lions with a time of 20:17.75, which was good for 22 points. Jacksonville torched the field by taking the top five spots of the meet. Elisabeth Goshu took the number one spot with a time of 18:01.49. Senior Tanja Redmond took 25 points for the Lions with a time of 20:47.59. Junior Alison Luthman finished with 29 points and a time of 21:20.33. Freshmen Emily Egan and Mariah Moss completed the top five for Saint Leo with times of 22:00.66 and 22:34.24 giving the Lions 35 and 40 points. The women's team finished with a total of 151 points.

The Disney Invitational in Lake Buena Vista, Florida saw the men's team run to a disappointing finish in 23rd place out of 25 teams. Junior Matt Attal led the Lions with a time of 30:38.00, which got the team 107 points. Freshman Eric Dirth, sophomores Mike Berry and Carson Holton, and senior Robert Tester along with Attal made up the five point scorers for Saint Leo finishing with a total of 667 points. Kennesaw State took the event with a total of 42 points, led by senior Scott Burley.

The women's team fared a little better finishing 23rd out of 30 teams. Sophomore Kelsey Bradley again led the Lions with a time of 21:29.10 and 88 points. Alison Luthman finished with a time of 22:01.50, good enough for 112 points. Freshmen Jillian Browne and Emily Egan along with senior Tanja Redmond rounded out the five point scorers for the Lions. Kennesaw State also took first place in the women's event led by Mackenzie Howe. Saint Leo Finished with a total of 592 points.

Alison Luthman
Courtesy of Mike Carlson

On October 24 both the men's and women's teams competed in the Sunshine State Conference Championships in Lakeland, Florida.

The men's team finished sixth and the women's team finished fifth. The top three runners for the men's team were Michael Berry, Matt Attal, and Eric Dirth while Kelsey Bradley, Jillian Browne and Alison Luthman placed top three for the women's team. The NCAA South Regionals will be held November 7 in Tampa, Florida.

Senior Spotlight Brittany Fuhr

Courtesy of Mike Carlson

BY JESSICA PALL & MINDY PIERCE
Lion's Pride Sports Editors

Brittany Fuhr, from Nokomis, Florida, plays the defensive specialist position and #10 on Saint Leo University's Volleyball Team. Majoring in psychology, she chose Saint Leo because it was close to home and has a great community.

Fuhr has contributed a lot to the volleyball team over her four years. As a freshman she played in 15 matches with two kills and four digs. Fuhr's sophomore year she played in 18 games while making 13 appearances making seven server aces and three digs. Junior year was similarly successful as she played in 21 games with one kill and assist along with a pair of digs.

Other hobbies that Fuhr enjoys are playing tennis, football, and boating. She believes that her best asset to the team is her dedication and positive attitude.